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Voter turnout far outpacing recent elections

AUSTIN – Today the Texas Secretary of State's office released early voting numbers showing that voter turnout for the Nov. 5 constitutional amendment election is on track to significantly outpace turnout in recent elections.

During early voting, the Secretary of State's office reports daily voting totals for the 15 most populous counties in the state. At the end of the fourth day of early voting, October 24, almost 95,000 Texans had cast a ballot at the polls in these counties. That is more than double the 45,379 voters who voted at the same point in 2011, the most recent constitutional amendment election. It is also more than double the 43,965 Texans who voted by the same point in the 2009 constitutional amendment election.

Early voting began Oct. 21 and runs through Nov. 1.

The Nov. 5 constitutional amendment election is the first statewide election since photo ID requirements for voting in person went into effect. To see voter turnout numbers for early voting in this and past elections visit:

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/earlyvoting/index.shtml>

County	Reg Voters	# In Person On 10/24/2013	Cumulative In-Person Voters	Cumulative % In-Person	Cumulative By Mail Voters	Cumulative In-Person And Mail Voters	Cumulative Percent Early Voting
Harris	1,981,337	5,498	21,090	1.06%	13,322	34,412	1.74%
Dallas	1,157,507	1,316	5,314	0.46%	335	5,649	0.49%
Tarrant	956,876	1,610	6,663	0.70%	276	6,939	0.73%
Bexar	904,477	2,203	8,859	0.98%	258	9,117	1.01%
Travis	617,629	2,127	8,619	1.40%	1,261	9,880	1.60%
Collin	458,936	1,155	4,489	0.98%	57	4,546	0.99%
El Paso	387,358	412	1,508	0.39%	75	1,583	0.41%
Denton	382,616	838	3,403	0.89%	52	3,455	0.90%
Fort Bend	343,434	812	2,779	0.81%	111	2,890	0.84%
Hidalgo	303,706	879	4,411	1.45%	250	4,661	1.53%
Montgomery	265,825	364	1,395	0.52%	68	1,463	0.55%
Williamson	255,253	831	3,295	1.29%	107	3,402	1.33%
Galveston	183,988	277	1,237	0.67%	27	1,264	0.69%
Nueces	182,670	1,205	4,874	2.67%	104	4,978	2.73%
Cameron	179,851	164	579	0.32%	6	585	0.33%
Total	8,561,463	19,691	78,515	0.92%	16,309	94,824	1.11%

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